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Prof. Thomas J. Fitzpatrick,
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My dear Prof. Fitzpatrick:

We have completed our rounds through the East for information on the textbook of systematic botany, but found no-where so good a collection of the older botanical literature as we saw at the University of Nebraska. I have regretted, therefore, that I did not stay over another day at Lincoln and study these more closely. Perhaps, however, I can impose on you for one or two small favors.

I understand that you have given considerable attention to the origin of the binomial system of nomenclature, and in view of this fact you may be willing to read over the enclosed statement and see if it agrees with your findings on this subject.

I also ^{cd} fail to note the number of pages in Cato's de re Rustica, and the company that published it in 1494. I shall greatly appreciate this information if you will supply it.

Very truly yours,

DBS/m

Enc.

D. B. Swingle